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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

PAUL V. HAYDOCK, et al.

Application No.: 09/830,976

Filed: August 17, 2001

For: METHODS FOR PREVENTING  
CROSS-CONTAMINATION IN SOLID  
SUPPORT-BASED ASSAYS

Examiner: Wilder, C.

Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2002 (the "Action"). A petition for an extension of time and the appropriate fees accompany this Amendment.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

13. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the non-stick coating material is selected from the group consisting of silane, dimethylchlorosilane and dimethyl polysiloxane.